

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): Apparatus for intubation of a body cavity or lumen, the apparatus comprising:

an endoscope having a steerable tip; and

a wire guide,

wherein the ~~apparatus is configured to preclude~~ wire guide comprises a hub that precludes advancement of the wire guide to the steerable tip.

2. (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the wire guide is configured to reversibly transition between a flexible state and a substantially shape-locked state.

3. (Original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the wire guide is configured for advancement relative to a flexible body of the endoscope.

4. (Original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the wire guide is configured for advancement within a working channel of the endoscope.

5. (Original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the wire guide is disposed within an overtube, the overtube configured for advancement over the endoscope.

6. (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a length of the wire guide precludes advancement of the wire guide to the steerable tip.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original): The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the wire guide comprises a section that remains flexible when the wire guide is disposed in the shape-locked state.

9. (Original): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the overtube comprises a split sheath.

10. (Currently Amended): Apparatus for guiding an endoscope having a working channel with a substantially rigid tortuous section, the apparatus comprising:

a shape-lockable wire guide configured for advancement through the working channel,

wherein the wire guide is configured for relative advancement of the endoscope when the wire guide is shape-locked and disposed within the rigid tortuous section, and

wherein the wire guide comprises a flexible section that remains flexible when the wire guide is shape-locked.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 10, wherein the flexible section is configured for disposal within the rigid tortuous section of the working channel when the wire guide is shape-locked.

13. (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 10, wherein the flexible section comprises a coil spring.

14. (Original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the apparatus is configured to preclude advancement of the wire guide to a steerable tip of the endoscope.

Claims 15-22 (Canceled)